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Major John S. D. Eisenhower
Assistant Staff Secretary
The White House

Dear John:

To supplement the papers I handed you this morning with regard to the CIA cornerstone laying, I enclose two copies of the program which will be given out at the ceremony itself, and also will be sent out to our people in the field.

As I mentioned to you, the fact that the President is laying this cornerstone will have a tremendous morale effect on our entire staff at home and abroad as evidence of high recognition of the importance of work in intelligence. Our people, for the most part, are not able to look forward to becoming ambassadors or generals or to receive public acclaim for any successes they may have. It is the interest of the work in which they are engaged and their firm belief in its importance to the country which motivates them in continuing on in this profession. An event like the cornerstone laying and the President's part in it means a great deal to all of them.

Faithfully yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

Enclosures

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